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10TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT REPORT

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative in the 10th Legislative District. This mailer includes a brief session review in addition to my contact information so you can reach me throughout the remainder of the year. I am available to meet with you or your local group to discuss legislative matters. I welcome your thoughts on important issues to you and our communities.

I appreciated the many calls, letters and e-mails I received during the legislative session, and truly look forward to your continued input.

Sincerely,

Norma Smith
10th District State Representative



Rep. Norma Smith – Working for you.

Jobs: One of my highest priorities during these economic times continues to be job creation and retention. We have lost more than 189,000 jobs in the private sector since January of 2008 while the total number of government jobs has grown. Many good policy proposals were rejected, but I'm grateful that my bill, House Bill 2603, passed the Legislature and was signed in to law offering needed assistance to small businesses.

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Budget: This year, the Legislature passed the largest supplemental budget in state history in the face of a \$2.8 billion budget shortfall. I did not support this budget because of:



- Tax increases;
- One-time dollars from the federal government to support ongoing programs that require yearly funding;
- Transfers from dedicated cash accounts; and
- New spending.

We can and should do better. My colleagues and I put forward solutions to reform and restructure state government while still protecting education, public safety and programs for the most vulnerable in our communities. These solutions were not adopted, resulting in opposition from members of both parties, and another significant projected budget deficit next January.

Positive solutions to move our state forward: As your representative, I remain committed to offering solutions that reflect our priorities of education, public safety, protecting the most vulnerable in our communities, and creating

a climate that allows our small businesses to keep their doors open and put people back to work. While we may not always agree on every issue, I always welcome your ideas on how we can better our state and the communities in which we live and work.

NEED A SPEAKER? If you need a speaker at your event or civic meeting, or would just like to meet for a cup of coffee or tea, I'd be honored to do so.

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